

NEW SOUTH



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1. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(1) The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (e.g. Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. (2) The number of employees recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns relates to those whose names appeared on the last pay-roll of the month irrespective of whether they were actually working at the end of the month. (3) Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups †.							
	Govern- ment- mental. *	Private. †	Total. †	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- toories.	Building and Construction.	Transport and Commu- ni- cation.	Finance and Property.	Wholesale Trade.	Retail Trade.	
				*	†	‡	§	¶			
MALES. (thousands.)											
1933—June ...	103·2	277·4	380·6	18·1	94·5	55·1	65·0	.....	78·4	.....	44·2
1939—July ...	136·5	393·4	529·9	24·7	158·7	57·9	77·4	.....	55·0	.....	44·0
1941— " "	141·5	406·2	547·7	26·0	202·1	54·0	76·8	14·9	28·7	41·6	56·6
1943— " "	156·9	365·2	522·1	25·1	217·8	30·1	79·9	10·5	22·9	28·7	39·6
1944— " "	152·2	372·0	524·2	24·7	217·6	28·2	82·3	10·6	23·4	28·5	42·6
1945— " "	156·7	384·5	541·2	24·7	216·6	34·2	86·0	11·3	24·3	30·2	45·8
1946— " "	169·8	455·6	625·4	25·7	239·7	45·1	97·3	16·9	34·3	42·1	57·0
1947— " "	179·0	497·7	676·7	26·7	255·7	57·0	102·7	18·8	37·9	46·6	62·9
1948— " "	186·8	515·4	702·2	28·0	265·2	61·1	107·4	19·5	39·6	49·4	64·5
Aug. ...	187·3	516·5	703·8	27·9	265·4	61·6	107·3	19·7	39·9	49·7	64·6
Dec. ||	190·6	520·4	710·4	27·6	265·7	61·5	108·3	19·9	41·3	52·6	65·1
1949—Jan. ||	190·6	521·8	712·4	26·9	268·4	62·4	108·5	20·0	41·4	50·7	65·4
Feb. ||	191·6	524·7	716·3	27·6	269·9	62·7	109·6	20·0	41·8	50·0	66·0
Mar. ||	191·5	526·1	717·6	27·5	270·2	63·2	110·0	20·2	41·5	49·9	66·4
April ||	192·0	526·1	718·1	27·3	268·6	64·4	109·5	20·3	42·2	50·0	67·1
May ||	194·0	527·6	721·6	27·5	299·5	64·7	111·0	20·4	42·7	50·2	66·7
June ||	195·6	510·1	705·7	24·4	257·4	64·9	110·9	20·4	42·1	50·1	66·3
July ||	194·8	442·0	636·8	11·7	210·1	62·8	109·1	20·3	40·6	49·2	64·5
Aug. ¶	195·2	506·0	701·2	24·7	257·6	63·8	108·2	20·4	41·9	49·7	65·7
FEMALES. (thousands.)											
1933—June ...	16·8	109·0	125·8	0·1	36·3	0·3	3·7	.....	33·6	.....	49·4
1939—July ...	148·6	168·0	307·6	0·1	59·3	0·5	4·2	.....	85·5	.....	49·1
1941— " "	21·7	196·0	218·3	0·2	76·0	0·7	8·2	8·3	9·5	41·0	60·2
1943— " "	46·1	207·7	253·8	0·2	94·6	0·7	12·9	9·9	10·7	38·5	65·9
1944— " "	45·6	205·4	251·0	0·2	91·6	0·7	13·8	10·2	10·5	36·3	67·7
1945— " "	43·4	203·3	246·7	0·2	85·7	0·7	14·5	10·6	10·5	37·5	69·6
1946— " "	32·8	210·2	243·0	0·2	83·1	0·9	12·9	10·0	11·1	39·2	73·3
1947— " "	32·3	220·6	252·9	0·2	86·8	1·0	12·8	10·4	11·9	40·9	77·1
1948— " "	33·4	229·3	262·7	0·3	91·1	1·1	13·8	10·9	13·6	42·8	79·1
Aug. ...	33·7	229·3	263·0	0·3	91·7	1·1	13·9	10·9	13·2	42·7	79·4
Dec. ||	34·2	237·0	271·2	0·2	93·1	1·1	14·1	11·0	13·6	47·2	80·9
1949—Jan. ||	34·5	232·0	266·5	0·3	90·7	1·1	14·1	11·3	13·5	44·3	81·2
Feb. ||	35·0	233·1	268·1	0·3	92·2	1·1	14·2	11·4	13·6	43·8	81·4
Mar. ||	35·2	233·9	269·1	0·3	92·8	1·1	14·3	11·6	13·5	43·7	81·7
April ||	35·2	233·9	269·1	0·3	93·0	1·1	14·3	11·6	13·6	43·4	81·7
May ||	35·8	234·2	270·0	0·3	93·5	1·2	14·6	11·6	13·5	43·4	81·8
June ||	36·0	227·8	263·8	0·3	88·7	1·2	14·7	11·7	13·4	42·7	80·9
July ||	36·6	207·4	244·0	0·3	74·0	1·2	14·6	11·7	13·1	40·4	78·0
Aug. ¶	37·0	229·0	266·0	0·3	90·4	1·2	14·7	11·9	14·5	42·1	80·3
PERSONS. (thousands.)											
1933—June ...	120·0	386·4	506·4	18·2	130·8	55·4	63·7	.....	112·0	.....	93·6
1939—July ...	155·9	542·0	697·9	24·8	218·1	58·4	81·6	.....	67·5	.....	105·7
1941— " "	163·2	602·8	766·0	26·2	278·1	54·7	85·0	23·2	38·2	82·6	109·5
1943— " "	203·0	572·9	775·9	25·3	312·4	30·8	92·8	20·4	33·6	67·2	105·5
1944— " "	197·8	577·4	775·2	24·6	309·2	28·9	96·1	20·8	33·9	64·8	110·3
1945— " "	200·1	587·8	787·9	24·9	302·3	34·9	100·5	21·9	34·8	67·7	115·4
1946— " "	202·6	665·8	868·4	25·9	322·8	46·0	110·2	26·9	45·4	81·3	130·3
1947— " "	211·3	718·3	929·6	26·9	342·5	58·0	115·5	29·2	49·8	87·5	140·0
1948— " "	220·2	744·7	964·9	28·3	350·3	62·2	121·2	30·4	53·2	92·2	143·6
Aug. ...	221·0	745·8	966·8	28·2	357·1	62·7	121·2	30·5	53·1	92·4	144·0
Dec. ||	224·2	757·4	981·6	27·8	358·8	62·6	122·4	30·9	54·9	99·8	146·0
1949—Jan. ||	225·1	753·8	978·9	27·2	359·1	63·5	122·6	31·3	54·9	95·0	146·6
Feb. ||	226·6	757·8	984·4	27·9	362·1	63·8	123·8	31·4	55·4	93·8	147·4
Mar. ||	226·7	760·0	986·7	27·8	363·0	64·3	124·3	31·8	55·0	93·6	148·1
April ||	227·2	760·0	987·2	27·6	361·6	65·5	123·8	31·9	55·8	93·4	148·8
May ||	229·8	761·8	991·6	27·8	363·0	65·9	125·6	32·0	56·2	93·6	148·5
June ||	231·6	737·9	969·5	24·7	346·1	66·1	125·6	32·1	55·5	92·8	147·2
July ||	231·4	649·4	880·8	12·0	284·7	64·0	123·7	32·0	53·7	89·6	142·5
Aug. ¶	232·2	735·0	967·2	25·0	348·0	65·0	122·9	32·3	56·4	91·8	146·0

* Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.

† Exclusive of Working Proprietors. ‡ From July, 1948, subject to revision. § Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services. ¶ Affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions. See note (2) above. || Revised.

2. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

REVENUE AND WORKING EXPENSES.

Year.	Month of August.			Two Months ended 31st August.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
1946 ...	£ 2,486,813	£ 2,047,607	£ 439,206	£ 5,094,310	£ 4,085,725	£ 1,008,585
1947 ...	2,882,764	2,405,125	477,639	5,334,371	4,739,132	595,239
1948 ...	3,288,291	2,678,793	609,498	6,269,563	5,349,629	919,934
1949 ...	2,428,769	2,537,070	(-) 108,301	3,699,460	5,002,715	(-) 1,363,255

* Excluding capital charges, such as interest, exchange, etc.

† Excluding Government contribution, £800,000 annually, for developmental lines.

TRAFFIC.

Year.	Month of August.		Two Months ended 31st August.	
	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.
thousands.				
1946 ...	1,426	20,549	2,917	42,307
1947 ...	1,484	21,697	3,039	43,928
1948 ...	1,552	23,075	3,047	43,563
1949 ...	918	20,159	1,285	36,001

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

3. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.					NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.			Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.
	Tram.	'Bus.	Total.					
Month of August—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	337,900	120,300	458,200	468,800	(-) 10,600	48,700	49,700	(-) 1,000
1947 ...	414,800	148,200	563,000	550,800	12,200	58,300	56,900	1,400
1948 ...	367,900	221,100	589,000	623,200	(-) 34,200	63,300	65,500	(-) 2,200
1949 ...	358,600	298,800	657,400	†	†	68,800	†	†
Two months ended 31st August—								
1946 ...	664,400	239,800	904,200	919,900	(-) 15,700	96,400	98,500	(-) 2,100
1947 ...	838,400	296,400	1,134,800	1,099,300	35,500	116,500	116,000	500
1948 ...	747,000	429,900	1,176,900	1,229,600	(-) 52,700	125,700	131,100	(-) 5,400
1949 ...	638,400	591,800	1,230,200	†	†	133,100	†	†

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £409,159 in year 1948-49.

† Not yet available.

Fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased from 1st July, 1947, and 29th November, 1948.

4. MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE REGISTER IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

At end of Month.	Cars. *	Public Passenger Vehicles. †	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Total of Foregoing.	Cycles.		Traders' Plates.	Tractors. †	Trailers.	Total on Register.
					Solo.	Side-car.				
1939—June ...	213,331	4,807	76,726	294,864	17,180	6,971	1,164	1,035	6,414	327,628
1946— " ...	188,191	5,213	97,176	290,580	15,540	4,946	848	2,056	11,067	325,043
1947— " ...	195,857	5,631	113,544	315,032	19,316	5,856	1,160	2,374	14,712	358,450
1948— " ...	210,506	6,262	127,413	344,181	23,501	6,575	1,438	3,398	18,317	397,410
Sept. ...	216,777	6,400	131,085	354,262	24,900	6,738	1,581	3,712	18,928	410,121
Dec. ...	222,104	6,489	134,620	363,213	26,454	6,944	1,637	3,996	20,187	422,423
1949—March ...	226,708	6,536	137,267	370,571	27,911	7,108	1,690	4,226	21,209	436,141
April ...	228,456	6,571	138,313	373,340	28,504	7,079	1,727	4,282	21,362	440,477
May ...	231,015	6,623	139,314	376,952	28,829	7,194	1,760	4,380	21,525	443,950
June ...	232,837	6,635	140,338	379,810	29,198	7,183	1,781	4,455	21,684	446,841
July ...	234,352	6,644	141,180	382,176	29,457	7,204	1,806	4,514	21,918	450,327
Aug. ...	236,096	6,633	142,113	384,842	29,893	7,248	1,845	4,581	21,918	450,327

* Excluding public passenger vehicles.

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Classification of Public Passenger Vehicles at 31st August, 1949, was:—

	Omnibuses.	Taxicabs.	Hire Cars.	Tourist Vehicles.
Metropolitan and Newcastle	... 1,632	1,646	504	
Other Districts	... 1,313	965	447	126

5. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Period.	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Taxicabs. *	Omnibuses. *	Cycles.	Tractors. †	Trailers.	Total.
Year ended June—								
1939 ...	19,924	7,712	569	130	2,196	209	1,505	32,245
1946 ...	526	3,234	Nil.	54	681	318	1,613	6,426
1947 ...	7,998	5,487	7	116	2,850	254	2,950	19,662
1948 ...	16,059	9,079	133	329	4,451	551	2,970	34,172
1949 ...	25,466	11,674	186	339	7,442	806	3,371	49,284
Month—								
1948—Aug. ...	2,479	985	17	37	631	74	216	4,439
Dec. ...	1,783	996	16	31	701	49	692	4,268
1949—Jan. ...	1,237	617	14	12	495	55	420	2,850
Feb. ...	1,702	683	8	24	737	53	238	3,445
March ...	2,423	1,207	19	17	797	82	228	4,773
April ...	2,222	1,006	9	14	681	58	242	4,232
May ...	2,950	1,126	10	24	644	88	204	5,046
June ...	2,336	1,115	14	22	508	58	190	4,243
July ...	1,911	1,013	10	9	532	64	180	3,719
Aug. ...	2,163	1,112	4	5	684	68	250	4,286

* Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

6. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

At end of Month.	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
January ...	423,649	570,080	608,306	690,023	712,718
February ...	427,211	570,952	606,880	702,658	717,648
March ...	427,964	573,205	616,114	702,890	721,623
April ...	428,848	576,218	618,385	710,944	714,659
May ...	431,149	575,144	663,518	693,550	709,694
June ...	433,029	575,864	679,505	699,259	706,452
July ...	433,972	580,747	686,633	703,745	700,434
August ...	431,029	583,172	691,944	703,963	715,066
September ...	432,795	585,985	698,312	704,106	
October ...	435,573	588,321	698,539	705,866	
November ...	449,335	591,001	698,416	712,152	
December ...	441,934	598,643	703,577	710,542	

7. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN N.S.W.

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

Private building figures relate in years marked * to permits issued by local councils of the Metropolis, 129 country towns and 7 extra-metropolitan shires; and in periods marked † to permits issued by all local councils.

Government building figures relate to contracts let and works authorised or commenced by Commonwealth, State or local authorities.

Period.	Metropolis.			Remainder of State.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.
Year.									
1940*	11,718	894	12,612	4,887	2,672	7,559	16,605	3,566	20,171
1941*	1,603	1,606	3,209	869	2,304	3,173	2,472	3,910	6,382
1945*	5,271	3,662	8,933	4,030	1,638	6,268	9,901	5,300	15,201
1946*	18,070	3,794	21,864	13,506	2,651	16,157	31,576	6,445	38,021
1947*	20,252	4,299	24,551	16,596	3,023	19,619	36,848	7,322	44,170
1947†	20,252	4,299	24,551	21,505	3,023	24,588	41,817	7,322	49,139
1948†	22,595	6,244	28,839	26,848	5,099	31,947	49,443	11,343	60,786
Jan.—Aug.†									
1948	14,604	3,899	18,503	17,429	3,346	20,775	32,033	7,245	39,278
1949	17,125	4,981	22,100	19,825	3,864	23,689	36,950	8,845	45,795
Month†									
1948—June	1,976	570	2,546	2,348	546	2,894	4,324	1,116	5,440
July	1,971	296	2,267	2,202	658	2,860	4,173	954	5,127
Aug.	2,055	465	2,520	2,483	307	2,790	4,538	772	5,310
1949—June	2,011	331	2,342	2,920	223	3,143	4,931	554	5,485
July	1,583	1,076	2,659	2,052	534	2,586	3,635	1,610	5,245
Aug.	2,497	538	3,035	2,694	620	3,314	5,191	1,158	6,349

* and † see notes above Table.

8. PRIVATE BUILDING, PERMITS ISSUED BY COUNCILS, N.S.W.

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

Period.	County of Cumberland.			Remainder of State.	Total, New South Wales.
	Metropolis.	Balance of Cumberland.	Total.		
Year.					
1939*	12,220	1,360	13,580	4,002	17,582
1943*	1,361	139	1,500	369	1,869
1944*	1,603	353	1,956	516	2,472
1945*	5,271	2,677	7,948	1,953	9,901
1946*	18,070	6,830	24,900	6,070	31,576
1947*	20,252	7,944	28,196	8,652	36,848
1947†	20,252	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817
1948†	22,595	10,745	33,340	16,103	49,443
Jan.—Aug.†					
1948	14,604	7,047	21,651	10,382	32,033
1949	17,125	7,295	24,420	12,530	36,950
Month†					
1948—June	1,976	852	2,828	1,496	4,324
July	1,971	884	2,855	1,318	4,173
Aug.	2,055	966	3,021	1,517	4,538
1949—June	2,011	1,080	3,091	1,840	4,931
July	1,583	727	2,310	1,325	3,635
Aug.	2,497	979	3,476	1,715	5,191

* and † see notes above Table 7.

9. PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF BUILDING—PRIVATE & GOVERNMENT—N.S.W.

(Permits issued by all Local Councils and Government Building as defined above Table 7).

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

Period.	Houses.	Flats (inc. conversions)	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops with Dwellings.	Shops only.	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
£ thousand.								
METROPOLIS.								
Year, 1947 ...	16,524	1,373	167	163	183	3,471	2,670	24,551
,, 1948 ...	19,882	1,774	86	271	180	3,676	2,970	28,839
Jan.-Aug., 1948 ...	12,990	1,270	21	231	93	2,351	1,547	18,503
,, 1949	14,905	1,517	8	173	101	2,901	2,441	22,106
Month								
1948—June	1,824	203	2	58	9	292	158	2,546
July	1,540	174	10	15	15	372	141	2,267
August	1,969	129	4	34	20	219	145	2,520
1949—June	1,831	59	2	26	16	243	165	2,332
July	1,481	58	1	36	9	841	233	2,659
August	1,874	423	1	9	7	412	309	3,035
REMAINDER OF STATE.								
Year, 1947 ...	20,516	299	313	306	387	849	1,918	24,588
,, 1948 ...	26,337	493	161	296	175	1,748	2,737	31,947
Jan.-Aug., 1948 ...	16,864	370	121	221	110	1,345	1,744	20,775
,, 1949	19,322	339	71	196	181	883	2,697	23,689
Month								
1948—June	2,437	35	...	36	13	147	226	2,894
July	2,145	88	1	25	29	313	259	2,860
August	2,374	42	81	58	8	41	186	2,790
1949—June	2,779	27	4	32	21	52	228	3,143
July	2,147	43	6	11	10	32	337	2,586
August	2,505	46	14	43	32	174	440	3,314
TOTAL, NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year, 1947 ...	37,040	1,672	480	469	570	4,320	4,588	49,139
,, 1948 ...	46,219	2,267	247	567	355	5,424	5,707	60,786
Jan.-Aug., 1948 ...	29,854	1,640	142	452	203	3,606	3,291	39,278
,, 1949	34,287	1,856	79	369	282	3,784	5,138	45,795
Month								
1948—June	4,261	238	2	94	22	439	384	5,440
July	3,685	262	11	40	44	685	400	5,127
August	4,343	171	85	92	28	260	331	5,310
1949—June	4,610	86	6	58	37	295	393	5,485
July	3,628	101	7	47	19	873	570	5,245
August	4,439	469	15	52	39	586	749	6,349

10. NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN HOUSES AND FLATS—
AUTHORISED, COMMENCED, COMPLETED.(Private and Government, including owner-built houses, but excluding some new houses
on farms and military huts converted into temporary dwellings.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Authorised*	Commenced.	Completed.	Authorised*	Commenced.	Completed.
1947—March Qtr. ...	4,081	2,590	1,603	6,660	4,454	2,774
June Qtr. ...	4,699	2,996	2,061	7,644	5,016	3,414
Sept. Qtr. ...	5,006	3,259	2,328	7,972	5,204	3,620
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,156	3,045	2,236	6,973	4,911	3,748
Year, 1947 ...	17,942	11,890	8,228	29,249	19,585	13,556
1948—March Qtr. ...	3,876	3,124	2,115	6,499	4,772	3,640
June Qtr. ...	5,025	3,832	2,613	8,232	6,013	4,407
Sept. Qtr. ...	4,616	3,952	2,897	7,782	6,219	4,571
Dec. Qtr. ...	5,309	3,308	3,453	8,470	5,393	5,423
Year, 1948 ...	18,826	14,216	11,078	30,983	22,397	18,041
1949—March Qtr. ...	4,891	3,254	2,476	8,087	5,140	3,950
June Qtr. ...	5,304	3,068	3,034	8,778	5,841	4,814

* Permits issued for private dwellings plus contracts let for Governmental dwellings.

At end of June, 1949, there were 24,662 dwellings in houses and flats "remaining uncompleted" in N.S.W.

11. RAINFALL—INDEX.

(Normal rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month,	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).				
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	
1948.														
August	...	53	68	50	70	58	50	67	52	56	58	41	14	48
September	...	131	113	70	72	100	129	91	72	84	167	185	40	155
October	...	27	40	119	55	64	26	49	110	84	6	20	81	19
November	...	81	65	98	49	79	74	61	102	88	96	46	60	78
December	...	96	71	120	106	100	111	79	123	110	63	72	98	70
1949.														
January	...	95	83	55	41	73	111	78	52	66	83	147	126	105
February	...	224	174	114	181	170	225	167	112	140	115	222	138	145
March	...	99	147	227	388	186	64	152	248	200	161	165	145	160
April	...	91	82	51	85	75	118	72	56	68	79	79	37	74
May	...	45	98	129	165	101	41	91	120	103	82	68	138	85
June	...	111	105	56	46	84	110	112	37	65	99	282	317	174
July	...	63	62	104	62	76	51	65	111	92	85	143	61	97
August	...	91	68	25	24	56	108	67	23	46	189	202	48	174
September	...	256	191	104	168	179	272	187	106	148	76	208	157	120

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

12. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 463,208,000 lb. in 1948-49, compared with 422,260,000 lb. in 1947-48 and an average of 469,560,000 lb. in the five seasons 1942-43 to 1946-47.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales was 46·8d. per lb. in the year ended June, 1949, compared with 37·9d. per lb., in 1947-48 and 23·6d. per lb. in 1946-47. Comparable average price (subject to revision) was 45d. per lb. in September, 1949.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOOL SALES (EXCLUDING ALBURY).

Selling Centre.	Season ended 30th June.	Bales Received into Store during		Sales at Auction during Year ended 30th June.*		Bales in Store Unsold at 31st August.†	
		August.	Two months ended 31st August.	Bales.			
				Greasy.	Scoured.		
Sydney	1947-48	No. 91,158	No. 151,726	799,204	82,949	£ 42,881,052	
	1948-49	139,427	194,441	854,799	70,575	53,698,504	
	1949-50	154,917	205,650	...	...	219,501
Newcastle	1947-48	12,802	22,666	148,561	65	7,555,761	
	1948-49	24,428	30,367	170,156	29	10,193,120	
	1949-50	35,044	46,814	...	...	48,274
Goulburn	1947-48	488	1,259	47,007	...	2,535,632	
	1948-49	1,518	1,723	54,055	...	3,439,353	
	1949-50	1,040	1,243	...	...	1,732
Total	1947-48	104,448	175,651	994,772	83,014	£ 52,972,445	
	1948-49	165,373	226,531	1,079,010	70,604	67,330,977	
	1949-50	191,001	253,797	...	...	269,507

*Includes small quantities of wool bought-in by the Joint Organisation; sales from stocks held by J.O. are excluded.

† Including carry-over from the previous season, but excluding stocks held by J.O.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

13. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average—1939-40 to 1948-49 ...	4,201,000	3,870,000	50,344,000	13·0
1945-46 ...	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6
1946-47 ...	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3·5
1947-48 ...	5,355,000	5,043,000	95,227,000	18·9
1948-49 ...	4,243,000	4,038,000	64,704,000	16·0
1949-50* ...	4,257,000	...	...	...

* Preliminary estimate.

14. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
thousand lb.								
July ...	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004	2,701	2,888
August ...	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833	3,435	3,585
September ...	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025	4,623	
October ...	10,107	8,626	8,483	7,557	4,446	6,464	7,309	
November ...	13,128	11,553	8,160	7,387	5,070	6,858	7,456	
December ...	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628	8,336	
January ...	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,369	8,632	
February ...	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	8,689	8,243	
March ...	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	8,214	9,022	
April ...	10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	6,146	6,781	
May ...	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	4,753	4,551	
June ...	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	3,083	3,430	
Year ...	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	76,066	74,519	
Two months ended Aug.	10,422	6,592	5,527	7,294	5,399	5,837	6,136	6,473

15. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks.*	Last day of Period. (1949 dates.)	1942.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
First Period ended on ...	24th Jan.	22nd Jan.	20th Jan.	19th Jan.	1st Feb.	31st Jan.	29th Jan.	
First† ...	29th Jan.	731	625	519	859‡	539	513	
Second ...	26th Feb.	933	774	867	796	918	954	
Third ...	26th Mar.	981	781	893	833	869	929	
Fourth ...	23rd April	886	782	755	859	804	964	908
Fifth ...	21st May	1,003	930	791	674	773	878	970
Sixth ...	18th June	965	866	914	906	990	883	926
Seventh ...	16th July	918	884	846	798	992	941	225
Eighth ...	13th Aug.	953	884	914	846	995	984	109§
Ninth ...	10th Sept.	1,028	880	778	911	994	1,061	1,117
Tenth ...	8th Oct.	984	970	842	975	979	1,024	1,092
Eleventh ...	5th Nov.	973	870	759	1,017	1,092	666	
Twelfth ...	3rd Dec.	965	891	869	976	1,130	1,134	
Thirteenth † ...	31st Dec.	886	906	308	932	446	830	
Year ...		12,206	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,683	11,721	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...		56	180	523	756	959	1,255	
Period of 40 weeks ended—		3rd Oct.	30th Sept.	29th Sept.	28th Sept.	11th Oct.	9th Oct.	8th Oct.
Northern District ...		6,358	5,604	5,412	5,634	6,051	5,935	4,977
Western District ...		1,263	1,253	1,297	1,287	1,481	1,566	1,410
Southern District* ...		1,761	1,519	1,531	1,340	1,483	1,560	1,356
Total (40 weeks)* ...		9,382	8,376	8,240	8,261	9,015	9,061	7,743§
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above		109	397	525	747	984	961§	

* The four-weekly periods Southern District ended a week later than in other districts in years 1942 to 1947.

† Miners' mid-summer holidays were:—In 1st period—1942, Public holidays only; 1944 and 1945, one week; 1946, two weeks; 1948, one week; 1949, two weeks; and in 13th period—1947, two weeks; 1948, one week.

‡ Four-weekly periods changed.

§ Includes production from "Open Cuts" by the Army, 101,000 tons.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES.

The following statistics of production are obtained principally by means of returns collected monthly from producers by the Government Statistician of N.S.W. in conjunction with the Commonwealth Statistician. The figures for 1948-49 are subject to revision on receipt of annual returns. Production from June to August, 1949, was affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Butter. *.	Cheese. *.	Processed Whole Milk Products.	Bacon and Ham.	Jam.	Preserved Fruit.	Preserved Vegetables.
Year—							
1938-39 ...	113,841	7,193	14,357	25,987	20,635	28,387	4,902
1946-47 ...	60,385	4,544	38,302	35,310	51,936	27,408	25,958
1947-48 ...	76,066	5,999	46,475	31,614	58,978	30,556	25,480
1948-49 ...	74,519	5,562	43,945	28,523	34,310	27,678	25,259
Month—							
1948—July	2,701	160	1,816	2,617	4,879	158	560
Aug.	3,435	233	2,358	2,486	4,434	206	837
Sept.	4,623	377	3,616	2,567	3,492	175	1,596
Oct.	7,309	681	4,794	2,138	2,109	99	1,937
Nov.	7,456	632	4,738	2,245	1,859	104	2,401
Dec.	8,336	625	4,486	2,848	3,888	3,759	900
1949—Jan.	8,632	625	4,448	1,854	3,726	1,298	2,445
Feb.	8,243	563	4,808	2,091	2,007	4,483	4,127
March	9,022	633	4,637	2,571	2,088	15,796	3,053
April	6,781	488	3,883	2,230	1,859	733	3,987
May	4,551	313	2,205	2,552	2,606	633	2,000
June	3,430	232	2,156	2,324	1,303	234	1,416
July	2,888	245	1,803	2,114†	627	{ 90 }	1,557†
Aug.	3,585	266	2,541	2,380	2,011		

* Production in factories only.

† Revised.

Period.	Flour.	Bran (Wheaten).	Pollard (Wheaten).	Oatmeal and Rolled Oats.	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch).	Malt.	Biscuits. *.
Year—							
1938-39 ...	(2,000 lb.)	(2,000 lb.)	(2,000 lb.)	cwt.	cwt.	bushels.	thous. lb.
1946-47 ...	547,162	107,779	121,154	82,706	†	640,915	43,611
1947-48 ...	537,389	98,231	124,334	152,515	158,589	608,650	47,512
1948-49 ...	532,460	97,375	119,840	163,130	138,203	656,696	48,068
Month—							
1948—July	61,696	10,859	13,265	23,783	12,108	59,484	4,279
Aug.	61,645	11,313	13,890	14,500	11,466	54,851	4,232
Sept.	57,872	10,715	13,294	10,112	12,062	56,626	4,788
Oct.	56,617	10,330	12,705	7,329	11,083	53,860	5,282
Nov.	55,397	10,065	13,562	6,408	12,515	54,107	4,539
Dec.	49,150	8,654	12,111	4,861	11,601	44,577	4,580
1949—Jan.	55,235	9,798	13,344	8,514	6,794	37,537	3,236
Feb.	51,408	9,196	12,391	10,353	12,533	47,530	4,580
March	53,863	9,798	13,226	16,294	13,200	54,379	5,066
April	41,431	7,154	9,889	19,067	12,081	52,356	5,144
May	47,027	7,914	11,432	21,894	13,087	62,765	5,350
June	50,265	8,604	12,084	20,565	13,835	58,583	3,601
July	39,785	6,835	9,582	17,766	2,168	55,576	300
Aug.	40,934	6,971	10,076	13,060	9,291	59,471	3,215

* Excluding ice cream cones.

† Not available.

Period.	Margarine.		Ice Cream.	Confectionery.		Beer.
	Table.	Other.		Chocolate.	Other.	
Year—	thous. lb.	thous. lb.	thous. gal.	thous. lb.	thous. lb.	thous. gal.
1938-39 ...	4,492	22,475	2,233	21,988	26,811	33,899
1946-47 ...	9,206	21,570	5,278	28,460	35,169	50,654
1947-48 ...	5,177	27,938	5,852	27,799	34,896	45,626
1948-49 ...	11,078	34,584	6,944	28,993	32,243	55,630
Month—						
1948—July	799	3,206	316	2,688	3,125	4,662
Aug.	791	2,998	449	2,924	3,106	4,627
Sept.	1,040	3,603	573	2,714	3,137	4,794
Oct.	872	3,040	610	2,038	2,982	4,737
Nov.	1,168	3,136	695	2,324	2,811	5,024
Dec.	883	2,698	814	1,950	2,375	4,876
1949—Jan.	816	1,665	747	1,207	1,632	4,679
Feb.	906	2,810	799	2,036	2,537	4,516
March	1,289	2,837	671	2,453	2,822	5,128
April	804	2,601	492	2,294	2,413	3,092
May	1,041	2,986	449	3,112	3,019	5,090
June	669	3,004	329	2,563	2,284	3,805
July	321	1,614	345	1,018	1,417	350
Aug.	212	3,656	572	2,239	2,452	3,324

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—continued.

METALS, COAL AND ENERGY.

Period.	Gold.	Coal.	Coke (Metallurg.).	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel.	Gas.	Electricity.
Year—	fine oz.	thous. tons.	thous. tons.	thous. tons.	thous. tons.	million cub. ft.	million kWh
1938–39 ...	88,488	11,196*	1,136†	1,105†	1,168†	10,896	1,948
1946–47 ...	43,607	11,212	1,184†	926†	1,312†	16,744	3,229
1947–48 ...	50,599	11,780	1,366†	1,030†	1,343†	18,093	3,545
1948–49 ...	63,768	11,736	1,116	897	1,129	18,161	3,718
Month—		†					
1948—July	4,287	1,087	95	70	94	1,539	341
Aug.	5,477	1,120	111	78	104	1,663	324
Sept.	5,617	1,139	114	84	107	1,586	317
Oct.	5,597	934	83	74	91	1,518	307
Nov.	4,708	994	79	54	65	1,449	305
Dec.	5,712	1,039	100	83	105	1,441	298
1949—Jan.	5,376	561	79	68	88	1,422	284
Feb.	3,745	955	92	71	98	1,328	288
March	5,697	1,075	102	79	103	1,531	324
April	3,808	929	84	77	91	1,536	299
May	7,169	1,127	107	90	113	1,730	336
June	6,575	776	70	69	70	1,418	295
July	711	5	12	16	Nil	1,036	180
Aug.	¶	813§	55	40	46	1,356	262

* Year ended 31st December, 1939. † Year ended 31st May.

§ Preliminary total for September, 1,235,000 tons.

‡ Monthly totals are approximate.

¶ Not yet available.

MISCELLANEOUS METAL PRODUCTS.

Period.	Engines (Internal Combustion).		Electric Motors.		Motor Bodies.		Cycles.
	Marine.	Other.	Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.	Trucks Trailers and Vans.	All Other.	
Year—	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
1938–39 ...	977	1,214	26,671*	3,553	2,023	36,416	
1946–47 ...	2,803	8,943	82,382*	2,071	774	30,259	
1947–48 ...	2,839	11,165	80,465*	25,533*	2,384	988	28,567
1948–49 ...	2,324	16,585†	79,169	31,566	3,102	1,112	27,577
Month—							
1948—July	224	1,283†	7,863	2,940	267	78	2,066
Aug.	253	1,274†	8,329	2,965	285	101	2,189
Sept.	237	1,446†	8,067	3,384	283	110	2,356
Oct.	220	1,592†	7,056	2,657	265	105	2,307
Nov.	181	1,459†	7,139	2,433	293	120	3,117
Dec.	173	1,245†	6,345	2,145	237	99	4,007
1949—Jan.	130	849†	4,604	1,709	153	64	1,154
Feb.	177	1,356†	6,758	2,533	242	89	1,901
March	177	1,523†	7,999	2,921	285	87	2,084
April	194	1,591†	5,061	3,033	220	71	2,032
May	205	1,555†	5,729	2,659	291	101	2,552
June	153	1,412†	4,219	2,187	281	87	1,812
July	131	512†	280†	318	188†	39†	1,612
Aug.	188	894	3,786	957	257	66	1,029

* Electric motors for sale as such; monthly totals include electric motors incorporated in finished products of the establishment. † Revised.

CLOTHING.

Period.	Hats (Felt).	Corsets and Corselets.	Brassieres.	Gloves.		Boots and Shoes. †	Slippers.
				Dress.	Work.*		
Year—	doz.	doz.	doz.	doz. pairs.	doz. pairs.	thous. pairs.	thous. pairs.
1938–39 ...	135,262	46,112	35,424	1,265	38,553	4,767	3,107
1946–47 ...	142,781	37,287	87,564	16,562	119,560	7,201	3,041
1947–48 ...	140,662	44,285	84,945	13,866	104,793	6,250	3,143
1948–49 ...	145,282	46,798	108,904	9,503	114,615	§	§
Month—							
1948—July	10,675	4,287	7,907	963	9,802	†	†
Aug.	10,180	3,932	8,218	1,093	9,059	†	†
Sept.	13,358	4,180	9,449	1,056	11,462	†	†
Oct.	13,170	3,709	8,602	876	11,211	†	†
Nov.	16,044	3,766	9,606	1,036	12,562	†	†
Dec.	8,539	4,455	8,652	668	10,277	†	†
1949—Jan.	10,299	2,212	5,723	603	7,367	391	141
Feb.	13,001	3,741	9,379	509	8,723	455	234
March	15,629	5,271	12,507	856	10,457	535	334
April	11,923	3,758	8,038	501	7,546	389	241
May	15,193	3,762	10,459	666	9,469	486	208
June	7,271	3,725	9,764	466	6,680	394	282
July	734	1,724	7,588	480	4,868	275	161
Aug.	6,654	2,537	12,776	1,217	8,423	501	259

* Excluding rubber gloves. † Includes sandals but not rubber footwear. ‡ Not available. § Not yet available.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—continued.

BUILDING MATERIALS AND FITTINGS.

Period.	Sawn Timber (Native).	Bricks.	Tiles.		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Cement.
			Terra Cotta.	Cement.			
Year—	million sup. ft.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousand sq. yd.	thousand sq. yd.	tons.
1938-39 ...	179.4	379,236	20,129	*	5,291	2,671	432,487
1946-47 ...	300.9	249,533	19,523	230	9,657	3,397	393,397
1947-48 ...	332.6	303,221	21,594	2,841	9,018	3,085	441,023
1948-49 ...	347.7	324,474	23,569	5,642	8,566	4,993	484,529
Month—							
1948—July	29.9	26,358	2,034	481	798	404	41,939
Aug.	23.4	30,519	2,183	517	675	423	42,570
Sept.	30.3	32,645	2,352	582	837	438	42,275
Oct.	32.9	27,577	2,102	520	860	399	42,757
Nov.	32.0	28,705	2,197	469	729	431	34,803
Dec.	30.4	26,282	1,802	434	630	358	29,848
1949—Jan.	37.2	17,021	1,371	370	647	329	27,539
Feb.	25.7	26,436	1,979	428	713	408	40,578
March	24.6	29,725	2,025	532	715	471	46,243
April	25.5	24,872	1,804	424	664	432	39,745
May	25.0	30,723	2,052	516	788	492	56,660
June	30.8	23,611	1,668	369	510	408	39,572
July	32.9	4,621†	631	142	Nil	206	
Aug.	28.2	†	†	†	412	†	{ 39,031

* Not available.

† Not yet available.

‡ Revised.

Period.	Paint (Oil).	Lacquers, Enamels, etc.	Stoves—Cooking—Domestic.				Gas Meters.	
			Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.			
					Stoves.	Stovettes.		
Year—	thous. gal.	thous. gal.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	
1938-39 ...	*	863	17,154	17,736	4,930	24,619		
1946-47 ...	1,568	1,138	12,033	12,883	31,221	32,675		
1947-48 ...	1,762	1,404	11,748	14,627	8,942	27,912	43,552	
1948-49 ...	†	†	12,569	24,111	15,162‡	†	43,989	
Month—								
1948—July	*	*	1,346	2,259	740	*	3,911	
Aug.	*	*	1,139	2,533	815	*	4,195	
Sept.	*	*	1,369	1,859	755	*	3,984	
Oct.	*	*	1,138	1,721	1,432	*	3,894	
Nov.	*	*	1,182	2,026	1,331	*	4,102	
Dec.	*	*	925	1,915	1,361	*	2,509	
1949—Jan.	90	73	569	1,408	1,031‡	*	2,420	
Feb.	156	137	1,061	2,188	1,808‡	*	4,146	
March	173	150	1,039	2,291	1,516‡	*	4,246	
April	139	116	960	2,129	1,961‡	*	3,849	
May	150	144	1,130	2,210	1,427‡	*	3,805	
June	128	115	711	1,512	985‡	*	2,807	
July	72‡	80‡	220	60	137‡	710	1,890	
Aug.	140	112	450	753	473	1,126	1,752	

* Not available.

† Not yet available.

‡ Revised.

Period.	Baths (all types).	Sinks.		Bath Heaters.			Coppers (complete).		
		Stainless Steel.	Other.	Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.	Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.
Year—		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1938-39 ...	*	6,969	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1946-47 ...	35,219	13,979	*	35,696	28,337	7,375	*	*	*
1947-48 ...	44,106	13,683	32,173	42,801	18,042	5,680	57,345	25,320	10,729†
Month—									
1948—July	3,795	1,299	3,451	4,378	3,416	394	2,828	2,226	1,345
Aug.	2,870	1,257	3,114	4,561	2,714	465	6,253	2,192	1,474
Sept.	4,061	1,226	2,901	4,539	1,794	488	3,822	2,446	1,285
Oct.	4,248	1,146	2,430	2,972	2,040	557	4,331	2,067	755
Nov.	4,326	1,306	2,244	1,853	1,014	432	5,727	2,214	927
Dec.	4,217	957	2,725	2,849	912	661	5,597	1,812	585
1949—Jan.	2,995	700	2,694	1,671	522	239	3,972	1,222	309†
Feb.	3,173	895	2,309	2,199	830	476	3,092	2,189	849†
March	3,604	1,408	2,863	2,798	1,101	475	5,024	2,301	776†
April	3,351	1,012	2,204	2,298	1,080	457	6,868	2,007	866†
May	3,908	1,477	2,686	6,480	1,606	464	6,883	2,722	919†
June	3,558	1,000	2,552	6,203	1,013	572	2,948	1,922	639†
July	2,298	835†	2,013	7,047	376	291	3,126	184	68
Aug.	2,413	694	888	6,315	754	229	2,804	565	467

* Not available.

† Revised.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—continued.

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Refrigerators—Household.			Wireless Cabinets.	Perambulators.
	Electric.	Gas.	Kerosene.		
Year—					
1938–39	...	21,567	12,598	6,810	133,760
1946–47	...	31,415	25,591	9,195	196,978
1947–48	...	51,331	21,954	10,934	213,226
1948–49	...				181,409
Month—					
1948—July	...	3,147	2,022	949	20,930
Aug.	...	3,831	1,848	808	20,022
Sept.	...	4,826	2,641	837	19,964
Oct.	...	5,139	2,008	703	14,381
Nov.	...	5,796	2,541	638	13,490
Dec.	...	5,096	2,645	269	11,342
1949—Jan.	...	3,743	1,814	513	7,294
Feb.	...	3,882	1,919	558	11,531
March	...	4,802	2,022	607	15,719
April	...	4,393	902	1,211	13,062
May	...	4,235	1,126	2,551	20,513
June	...	2,441	466	1,290	13,161
July	...				1,174
Aug.	...	1,574	945	2,179	11,539

Period.	Mattresses.			Sulphate of Ammonia.	Sulphuric Acid.
	Spring.	Inner Spring.	Other.		
Year—					
1938–39	...	79,140	17,407	*	20,960
1940–47	...	59,782	36,206	129,937	22,377
1947–48	...	59,491	52,582	181,078	24,611
1948–49	...	53,864	79,582	163,349	28,615
Month—					
1948—July	...	4,788	5,667	15,780	2,027
Aug.	...	4,442	5,885	15,709	2,380
Sept.	...	4,661	6,392	14,812	2,772
Oct.	...	4,529	6,772	12,538	2,076
Nov.	...	4,555	6,958	12,634	2,404
Dec.	...	3,950	6,063	11,908	2,727
1949—Jan.	...	2,918	4,202	9,177	2,413
Feb.	...	4,752	6,518	12,179	2,267
March	...	5,338	8,729	16,221	2,655
April	...	4,053	6,804	13,212	2,099
May	...	5,270	8,959	15,861	2,961
June	...	4,608	6,633	13,318	1,834
July	...	3,109†	3,555†	8,802†	
Aug.	...	5,333	6,683	13,926	1,363

* Not available.

† Revised.

Period.	Soap.			Soap Extracts and Powders.	Glycerine (Refined).
	Household.	Toilet.	Other.		
Year—		cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
1938–39	...	321,957	107,390	58,345	60,102
1946–47	...	161,822	188,232	79,311	196,457
1947–48	...	217,042	224,716	114,802	279,658
1948–49	...	254,198	221,804	77,660	327,782
Month—					
1948—July	...	18,475	20,302	7,589	22,282
Aug.	...	20,133	18,561	6,597	19,686
Sept.	...	25,121	20,144	7,196	22,332
Oct.	...	30,748	22,378	6,934	32,971
Nov.	...	27,098	21,249	7,288	27,204
Dec.	...	24,224	20,583	5,294	27,235
1949—Jan.	...	16,373	14,761	4,580	23,102
Feb.	...	20,809	18,935	5,220	22,930
March	...	16,704	18,699	6,606	29,099
April	...	18,872	12,713	6,318	31,144
May	...	17,316	15,626	7,566	38,565
June	...	18,325	17,853	6,472	31,232
July	...	16,810*	7,709*	2,230*	2,048
Aug.	...	22,658	16,642	4,837	80,457

* Revised.

17. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	164	155	173	165	170	198	218
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	159	161	174	181	201	208	227
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	164	165	171	185	199	212	231
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	164	162	172	189	198	218	222
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	166	172	178	192	198	203	229
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	174	176	176	197	208	214	189
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	171	177	184	195	212	199	118
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	181	181	177	195	212	214	172
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	171	172	180	201	214	223	
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	162	169	174	203	211	216	
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	164	171	179	200	214	226	
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	163	169	123	180	214	222	
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	167	170	172	191	204	213	

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

18. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.	s. d.	per ton.	s. d.	per ton.	s. d.	per ton.	s. d.	per oz.	s. d.
Average of Months— 1938										
1938	2	0·14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8 17	1
1939	2	1·42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9 14	4
1940	2	2·95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10 13	1
1941	2	4·26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10 13	8
1942	2	4·66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10 9	1
1943	2	4·63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10 9	0
1944	2	4·63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10 10	1
1945	2	10·50	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10 13	10
1946	4	8·02	56	8 6	55	0 2	414	19 0	10 15	3
1947	4	4·27	90	2 0	67	6 4	505	12 2	10 15	3
1948	4	11·18	III	4 II	77	2 0	657	14 2	10 15	3
1948—March	...	...	4	9·87	98	6 4	682	13 4	10 15	3
April	...	...	4	9·87	102	5 3	622	13 4	10 15	3
May	...	...	4	9·87	103	11 5	622	13 4	10 15	3
June	...	...	5	3·07	109	16 2	684	4 6	10 15	3
July	...	...	4	6·06	116	12 2	684	4 6	10 15	3
August	...	...	5	1·66	116	19 10	684	4 6	10 15	3
September	...	...	5	1·94	115	0 8	684	4 6	10 15	3
October	...	...	5	2·23	127	9 4	684	4 6	10 15	3
November	...	...	5	1·65	126	10 11	684	4 6	10 15	3
December	...	...	5	0·50	131	9 7	684	4 6	10 15	3
1949—January	...	...	4	9·61	140	1 8	684	4 6	10 15	3
February	...	...	4	10·76	140	2 10	683	16 5	10 15	3
March	...	...	4	10·76	133	16 8	683	16 5	10 15	3
April	...	...	4	11·92	108	8 7	683	16 5	10 15	3
May	...	...	*	*	109	0 0	683	16 5	10 15	3
June	...	...	*	*	109	0 4	683	16 5	10 15	3
July	...	...	*	*	58	12 10	683	16 5	10 15	3

* Comparable prices not available.

19. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Month.	1939.	1942.	1943	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
£ million.									
January ...	13.24	18.69	17.18	18.01	18.62	17.62	21.70	25.22	32.21
February ...	16.54	19.39	21.60	20.48	21.48	21.72	26.28	30.33	39.63
March ...	15.78	19.53	19.44	18.00	21.75	22.33	24.22	33.20	35.65
April ...	15.79	19.19	21.88	21.68	20.81	26.88	27.32	33.82	39.94
May ...	17.46	20.72	19.56	21.45	22.24	25.21	30.33	35.61	42.28
June ...	14.88	18.93	20.91	20.67	19.40	23.58	27.98	34.69	37.03
July ...	15.28	19.17	19.81	20.87	22.01	25.74	27.82	35.28	36.22
August ...	16.81	20.86	18.75	23.82	20.22	28.74	32.11	39.71	
September ...	19.44	19.59	19.93	21.46	23.72	28.07	32.00	39.15	
October ...	19.22	22.06	20.80	21.82	22.36	26.56	30.89	37.48	
November ...	17.53	19.54	21.07	20.30	{ 39.13 } 24.65	32.66	39.41		
December ...	18.32	20.98	19.61	22.84		27.76	34.15	35.08	
Year.	200.29	238.65	240.54	251.40	251.74	299.76	347.46	418.98	

20. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.*	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1939 ...	303	303	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	+ 2.6	+ 0.9		
1940 ...	303	305	+ 6.3	+ 17.0	+ 4.0	+ 1.9		
1941 ...	305	304	+ 14.6	+ 8.0	+ 9.0	+ 4.0		
1942 ...	304	303	- 5.3	+ 9.2	- 5.1	- 8.4		
1943 ...	303	306	- 11.3	- 6.8	- 9.7	- 17.6		
1944 ...	306	302	+ 3.2	- 0.2	- 4.6	+ 1.4		
1945 ...	302	301	+ 15.8	+ 11.1	+ 6.7	+ 5.0		
1946 ...	301	302	+ 32.2	+ 3.8	+ 28.0	+ 20.0		
1947 ...	302	302	+ 18.7	+ 32.5	+ 21.5	+ 8.6		
1948 ...	302	303	+ 16.3	+ 20.6	+ 20.6	+ 6.0		
1948.								
July ...	27	27	+ 30.4	+ 19.0	+ 19.8	+ 5.7	+ 16.4	+ 21.1
August ...	26	26	+ 19.3	+ 17.1	+ 23.8	+ 5.8	+ 19.1	+ 22.3
September ...	26	26	+ 1.0	+ 17.3	+ 19.6	+ 3.9	+ 15.6	+ 21.1
October ...	26	25	+ 4.2	+ 15.6	+ 16.7	+ 3.3	+ 8.3	+ 20.0
November ...	25	26	+ 19.8	+ 13.6	+ 20.9	+ 5.7	+ 8.2	+ 19.1
December ...	24	24	+ 15.5	+ 11.9	+ 22.5	+ 2.8	+ 13.1	+ 20.3
1949.								
January ...	25	23	+ 12.2	+ 11.1	+ 21.4	+ 2.3	+ 16.0	+ 21.7
February ...	24	24	+ 16.1	+ 7.7	+ 18.7	+ 2.9	+ 14.7	+ 21.0
March ...	24	27	+ 21.1	+ 7.2	+ 17.8	+ 2.0	+ 16.9	+ 19.3
April ...	25	22	+ 1.4	+ 6.1	+ 17.7	+ 1.5	+ 12.1	+ 18.1
May ...	26	26	+ 15.2	+ 5.7	+ 18.4	+ 3.3	+ 12.3	+ 18.0
June ...	25	25	+ 2.4	+ 7.8	+ 19.0	+ 1.8	+ 6.2	+ 18.4
July ...	27	26	- 16.3	+ 8.6	+ 3.3	- 1.1	+ 0.9	+ 13.4

* Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 1.

21. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST.

Revenue.	1948.	1949.	Expenditure.	1948.	1949.
Taxes—		£ million.	Social Services*—		£ million.
Customs ...	10.34	11.64	Invalid, Age Pensions ...	6.10	6.55
Excise ...	9.70	9.18	Widows' Pensions ...	0.66	0.80
Sales ...	6.28	6.44	Child Endowment ...	3.55	4.91
Income Tax ...	39.48	34.94	Hospital Benefits ...	0.89	1.02
Social Services Contribution ...			Unemployment, etc., Benefits ...	0.19	1.40
	4.29	6.06	Other ...	0.58	0.61
Payroll ...	3.19	3.43	Total, Social Services* ...	11.97	15.29
Estate ...	0.95	0.85	To States—		
Entertainments ...	0.81	0.84	Tax Reimbursements ...	5.94	7.14
Other ...	0.24	0.75	Other ...	3.48	4.25
Total Taxes ...	75.28	74.13	Capital Works ...	1.50	4.90
Post Office ...	5.20	5.46	Post Office† ...	5.39	6.86
Broadcasting ...	...	0.41	Broadcasting† ...	0.25	0.27
Railways ...	0.18	0.27	Railways† ...	0.75	0.80
Territories ...	0.12	0.13	Territories† ...	5.80	
Other ...	0.59	0.88	Defence Services ...	25.27	
Primary Production† ...	81.37	81.28	War and Repatriation—		
	0.13	3.68	Pensions ...	4.42	
			Other† ...	2.75	
			Debt Charges ...	5.45	
Total Revenue ...	81.50	84.96	Other... ...	6.39	
			Primary Production† ...	54.55	64.32
				0.13	3.68
			Total Expenditure ...	54.68	68.00

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

† Self-balancing items.

‡ Excluding debt charges.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than War and Repatriation which is included above), in the two months ended August, consisted of advances to States for Housing, £2,510,000 in 1949, and £2,184,000 in 1948.

22. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

MONTH OF JULY.

Revenue.	1948.	1949.	Expenditure.	1948.	1949.
	£ thousand.			£ thousand.	
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund ...	957	857
Towards Interest ...	243	243	Less—Recoups from other Activities ...	...	...
Reimbursement of Taxes ...	1,237	1,468	Net Debt Charges ...	957	857
Hospital Benefits ...	100	150	Other than Debt Charges—		
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	656	599	Governmental ...	1,877	2,463
Other Taxes ...	552	515	Business Undertakings ...	3,064	3,308
Land ...	120	113			
Services ...	149	122			
Other ...	407	422			
Total Governmental ...	3,464	3,632			
Business Undertakings ...	3,503	2,610			
Total Revenue ...	6,967	6,242	Total Expenditure ...	5,898	6,628

Loan expenditure on works and services during the month of July was gross £2,094,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £2,011,000 in 1949, compared with gross £889,000 and net £870,000 in 1948.

23. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in Australia of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances, etc.
£ million.						
1939—June ...	318·0	28·6	23·9	22·1	.....	291·7
1940	345·4	31·1	38·3	43·7	.....	289·9
1941	360·0	33·3	36·1	61·9	.....	283·7
1942	387·9	40·4	39·6	50·3	36·4	268·3
1943	453·5	33·4	50·8	75·7	102·9	246·0
1944	534·5	38·0	55·4	89·1	182·8	221·8
1945	582·5	36·5	46·5	104·3	241·8	207·9
1946	627·1	32·3	40·0	122·7	258·5	224·3
1947	648·3	34·4	13·8	80·6	275·4	289·7
1948	716·8	45·6	19·1	59·5	293·0	348·8
1948—May ...	708·4	44·1	25·8	59·0	286·7	344·1
June ...	716·8	45·6	19·1	59·5	293·0	348·8
July ...	698·6	40·6	11·6	59·6	284·9	361·8
August ...	688·3	45·7	12·4	59·6	271·6	361·6
1949†—May ...	826·2†	45·6	12·7	63·4	389·1	375·1†
June ...	817·4	40·0	11·1	62·5	381·2	383·3
July ...	792·6†	42·4	11·0	69·3	341·1	392·0†
August ...	791·1	47·2	13·3	72·7	326·4	390·5

* Excluding London Funds.

† From January and July, 1949, certain banks made a technical change in method of compilation. These changes have the effect of reducing both deposits and advances (the amounts were approx. £9 m. in January, and £2·6 m. in July, 1949).

24. TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES—N.S.W. AND AUSTRALIA

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 23 relates, the Commonwealth Bank, Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	Nine Trading Banks—N.S.W.			All Trading Banks.				
	Deposits.			New South Wales.		Australia.		
	Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.	Advances, etc.	Deposits.	Advances, etc.	Deposits.	Advances, etc.
£ million.								
1946—June ...	163·1	74·1	237·2	90·6	{ * }	*	828·8	455·5
1947—June ...	174·6	69·7	244·3	116·5				
1948—June ...	197·5	67·9	265·4	142·9				
October ...	207·0	71·1	278·1	150·7	329·5	201·5	852·6	458·6
November ...	214·6	71·2	285·8	151·0	337·9	202·5	880·0	458·6
December ...	223·8	73·1	296·9	149·7	351·2	202·3	922·9	455·3
1949—January† ...	223·6	73·9	297·5	139·9	353·7	194·1	909·9	454·9
February ...	227·5	73·7	301·2	140·9	358·3	195·7	929·5	470·2
March ...	230·8	73·0	303·8	138·6	360·3	194·2	922·9	455·3
April ...	232·8	72·3	305·1	146·2	363·4	202·7	923·8	473·1
May ...	233·8	72·7	306·5	146·4	364·0	203·3	914·8	482·9
June ...	228·1	73·2	301·3	150·4	358·5	208·6	914·2	496·3
July† ...	221·3	72·1	293·4	153·7	349·1	214·1	894·2	497·6
August ...	222·2	72·4	294·6	150·4	349·7	212·5	897·4	497·6

* Comparable figures for "All Trading Banks" are not available prior to October, 1948.

† Not strictly comparable with previous months. See note † Table 23.

25. SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

As at 30th June,	Amount on Deposit.	At end of Month.	Amount on Deposit.				
			1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
1938 ...	£ thous. 86,016	January	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430	238,564
1939 ...	87,474	February	184,725	228,711	230,544	232,182	240,000
1940 ...	82,111	March	187,894	230,420	229,665	232,712	240,282
1941 ...	87,750	April ...	189,566	230,920	229,328	232,788	240,452
1942 ...	94,538	May ...	192,884	232,221	228,549	233,034	240,468
1943 ...	122,405	June*	198,203	236,242	231,368	236,964	244,483
1944 ...	162,867	July ...	200,932	237,305	231,530	237,265	246,065
1945 ...	198,203	August ...	204,794	236,985	231,070	236,910	246,002
1946 ...	236,242	September	207,520	235,806	232,654	237,246	
1947 ...	231,368	October	209,906	234,804	232,568	237,831	
1948 ...	236,964	November	214,806	233,006	231,775	238,031	
1949 ...	244,483	December	219,560	231,311	231,250	237,924	

* Including accrued interest credited in June, e.g., £3,882,000 in June, 1949.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount of Savings Certificates outstanding in New South Wales was £24,833,330 at 31st July, 1949. The issue of savings certificates ceased on 31st January, 1949.

26. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Amount—£ million.														
January ...	66.5	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.2	171.3	191.4	98	150	152	154	196	236	282
February ...	75.5	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	182.0	213.2	96	147	149	157	194	231	274
March ...	80.5	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	196.4	238.0	93	146	146	164	193	230	267
April ...	70.7	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	205.9	244.7	98	150	154	176	218	252	300
May ...	82.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	233.1	261.2	100	158	160	184	229	269	315
June ...	80.3	140.1	136.0	159.2	176.9	230.1	269.8	101	166	169	195	236	289	336
July ...	71.2	122.9	129.7	174.9	183.5	230.3	244.7	98	168	167	206	229	291	326
August ...	74.9	127.4	121.0	157.3	162.4	199.3	208.5	99	169	168	214	227	287	314
September ...	74.9	120.9	123.4	159.4	177.0	220.7	271.1	99	163	166	217	232	293	303
October ...	78.0	123.7	140.4	182.2	197.3	238.2		100	159	166	216	234	291	
November ...	86.1	126.3	129.7	164.1	203.8	237.2		102	153	164	211	243	298	
December ...	91.7	127.6	121.7	165.6	192.2	246.5		106	152	159	208	243	296	
Year ...	932.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	2123.7	2600.0		100	156	160	196	226	277	

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

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27. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
1939—Year	50,520	18,179,537	156,787	7,539,660	25,719,197
1944 "	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945 "	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1946 "	81,677	38,077,853	128,266	9,803,114	47,880,967
1947 "	96,661	43,592,919	115,892	10,475,719	54,068,638
1948 "	96,576	47,496,741	114,482	11,069,677	58,566,418
1948—Jan. to July	51,038	24,441,316	66,967	6,417,469	30,858,785
1949—Jan. to July	47,937	24,915,360	62,419	6,164,095	31,079,455
May	7,797	4,001,311	11,919	1,172,991	5,174,302
June	8,732	4,713,002	9,053	900,818	5,613,820
July	7,476	4,096,049	7,964	776,745	4,872,794

The operations of the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. are included above.

28. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
1947—Year	£ 2,799,175	£ 788,685	£ 1,452,174	£ 5,040,034
1948 "	5,828,463	861,255	2,539,578	9,229,296
1948—Jan. to July	3,138,607	476,548	1,485,397	5,100,552
1949—Jan. to July	4,430,052	518,336	1,414,473	6,362,861
May	586,089	92,437	238,384	916,910
June	1,180,306	89,163	219,670	1,489,139
July	550,658	85,775	231,636	868,069

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

29. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total, 75 Companies.*	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1939-Aug. ...	212·6	168·2	156·0	118·2	263·9	174·4	181·9
1945—Sept. ...	242·7	207·8	170·8	146·7	264·6	195·8	210·3
1946-Dec.† ...	292·4	251·6	197·3	160·7	322·5	229·7	247·2
1948-Jan.‡ ...	301·4	315·5	184·7	191·7	407·8	271·5	283·7
Sept. ...	359·6	316·0	173·1	184·5	414·6	264·2	276·1
1949-Jan. ...	354·8	295·7	172·5	182·2	438·5	259·5	269·7
Feb. ...	352·1	294·8	167·6	184·1	448·7	258·3	266·9
Mar. ...	345·1	288·3	165·2	180·6	464·1	254·6	262·2
April ...	338·8	286·9	160·7	171·0	466·5	250·7	255·8
May ...	340·8	283·2	158·8	177·1	469·5	251·4	256·5
June ...	326·9	274·4	153·1	171·7	462·3	242·4	246·4
July ...	323·6	271·4	153·5	173·5	456·1	239·7	244·2
Aug. ...	332·2	286·3	155·9	184·0	464·9	247·8	255·0
Sept. ...	340·1	289·1	157·8	183·7	473·6	252·1	259·0

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. † Restrictions on trading and price movements in company shares were removed in January, 1947. ‡ Highest point recorded for the index of 75 companies.

30. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities.†		Trading Banks—Rates on Fixed Deposits.			
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short-dated.	Long-dated.	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months. ¶
Average for year—			Under 5 years ‡	10 years and over ‡				
1938 ...	5·4	5·0	3·38	3·76	2·00	2·50	2·75	3·00
1939 ...	5·6	5·2	3·84	3·92	2·00	2·50	2·75	3·00
1940 ...	5·6	5·1	3·14	3·30	1·58	2·08	2·33	2·58
1941 ...	5·5	4·9	2·47	3·23	1·50	1·92	2·17	2·42
1942 ...	5·4	4·9	2·45	3·24	1·29	1·54	1·79	2·04
1943 ...	5·0	4·7	2·48	3·23	1·25	1·50	1·75	2·00
1944 ...	5·0	4·4	2·45	3·24	0·79	1·04	1·40	1·90
1945 ...	4·8	4·4	2·47	3·25	0·50	0·75	1·23	1·73 ¶
1946 ...	4·5	4·3	1·90	3·24	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50
1947 ...	4·4	4·3	2·12	3·17	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50
1948 ...	4·4	4·3	2·27	3·16	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50
Months—			2 years §	12 years §				
1948—August	4·4	4·3	2·27	3·16	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50
September	4·4	4·3	2·13	3·15	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50
December	4·4	4·3	2·13	3·16	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50
1949—March	4·4	4·3	2·06	3·15	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50
April ...	4·4	4·3	1·94	3·15	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50
May ...	4·4	4·3	2·00	3·15	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50
June ...	4·4	4·3	1·97	3·13	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50
July ...	4·4	4·3	1·99	3·14	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50
August ...	4·4	4·2	1·92	3·13	0·50	0·75	1·00	1·50

* Weighted average rate of interest. Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month. Interest on securities is subject to Commonwealth Income Tax ‡ at rates not exceeding those in 1930, § at current rates.

¶ From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1·50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

31. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Mortgages Registered.*					
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
£ thousand.												
January ...	2,449	1,786	2,246	4,576	4,895	4,749	1,591	608	1,268	1,858	3,671	2,199
February ...	2,438	1,999	2,357	4,729	4,825	4,475	1,841	593	1,179	2,031	2,400	2,838
March ...	3,623	2,059	2,726	4,395	4,640	6,242	2,225	688	1,047	2,005	2,441	3,477
April ...	2,245	1,663	3,832	3,593	5,244	5,192	2,025	526	1,431	1,674	2,551	2,529
May ...	3,090	2,204	4,697	4,793	5,137	5,674	2,112	608	1,641	2,299	2,266	3,104
June ...	2,613	2,373	3,593	4,617	4,911	6,086	1,658	864	1,708	2,070	3,550	3,785
July ...	2,919	2,726	4,005	5,335	4,617	7,022	1,950	902	1,622	2,484	2,244	3,816
August ...	3,068	2,238	5,670	5,340	5,137	6,711	2,770	861	2,352	2,085	2,307	4,200
September ...	2,934	2,684	6,440	4,988	4,842	—	1,513	1,005	2,328	2,378	2,338	—
October ...	2,330	3,260	5,826	4,843	4,904	—	1,713	1,128	2,161	2,641	2,560	—
November ...	2,381	3,106	5,180	4,978	5,514	—	1,702	1,072	2,163	2,238	2,718	—
December ...	2,067	2,195	4,105	5,061	4,796	—	1,344	899	2,473	2,220	2,417	—
Year ...	32,157	28,293	50,677	57,224	59,462	—	22,444	9,752	21,373	25,992	31,463	—

* Relating substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and excluding fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts).

32. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.*

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

Year.	Month of September.			Nine Months ended 30th September.		
	Crops.	Wool.†	Livestock.†	Crops.	Wool.†	Livestock.†
1947 ...	£ 40,616	£ 87,090	£ 166,768	£ 682,698	£ 1,525,676	£ 1,261,479
1948 ...	41,682	123,190	174,017	342,250	1,888,788	1,867,670
1949 ...	86,223	378,562	353,737	296,770	2,333,947	2,163,943

* See note * under Table 31.

† Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

33. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base : Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 Rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10·1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20·3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22·3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24·9
1944—June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22·5
1945—June ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22·3
1946—June ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24·9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25·1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26·2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27·8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28·0
September ...	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30·5
December ...	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33·1
1948—March ...	1,192	1,046	1,674	1,247	1,270	36·1
June ...	1,235	1,046	1,748	1,267	1,305	39·9
September ...	1,279	1,047	1,811	1,279	1,337	43·3
December ...	1,326	1,047	1,831	1,279	1,359	45·7
1949—March ...	1,350	1,048	1,891	1,334	1,391	49·1
June ...	1,384	1,048	1,980	1,347	1,425	52·7

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

34. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*					Crown Employees (All Districts).				
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.	s. d.	
1939† ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0	84 0	
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0	88 0	
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0	96 0	
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0	98 0	
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0	98 0	
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0‡	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0	99 0	
1947 ...	108 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	111 0	111 0	
1948 ...	114 0	116 0	120 0	122 0	113 0	115 0	118 0	121 0	121 0	
1949 ...	124 0	127 0	130 0		123 0	126 0	129 0			

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less. The rate at Broken Hill was 137s. in August, 1949.

† In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

‡ Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

POPULATION—Estimated, 31st December, 1948:—New South Wales, Males, 1,531,990; Females, 1,530,354; Persons, 3,062,344—39·3 per cent. of population of Australia. Sydney and Suburbs (Census 30th June, 1947), 1,484,004.

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